IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

ADACHI et al.

Serial No.: to be assigned

Filing Date: October 24, 2003

For: Metal Gasket and a Material for Its Manufacture and a Method for Their

Manufacture (as Amended)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the fees and issuance the first official action, please amend the above-captioned application as follows: